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APPARATUS FOR SUPPORTING AND TENSIONING A STENCIL

the specification of which:

- ☐ was filed on _____, as United States non-provisional application U.S.S.N. _____, bearing Attorney Docket No. _____.
- ☒ is attached hereto. The present application is being filed as a divisional application of U.S.S.N. 09/483,253, which was filed on January 13, 2000, bearing Attorney Docket No. 17564-118 CON, which is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 08/983,621, which was filed on June 1, 1998, bearing Attorney Docket No. 17564-048 (U.S. Patent No. 6,067,903).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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